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HIGHLIGHTS

- There have been a total of 100 fires reported this year. Total acreage burned is over 1,956 acres. There were 9 new fires reported yesterday. There are 16 active fires; 3 of them are located on military lands.
- Governor Sarah Palin has signed the proclamation declaring May 14-19, 2007 as Wildland Fire Prevention and Preparedness Week.
- There were 6 new fires in the Fairbanks area on Wednesday. One fire located near Gilmore Road spread quickly and the Chena Hotshots, smokejumpers and air attack were ordered. The fire was contained at three acres. Numerous structures were threatened and the local fire departments responded to protect the structures. No structures were lost.
- A Red Flag Warning is in effect for today for sections of Interior Alaska.
- Two teams of smokejumpers were ordered for yesterday, one at the Fairbanks fire and the other for the Galena Zone fire.
- The fires continue in New Jersey but there was heavy rains last evening and that helped with the suppression efforts.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: http://fire.ak.blm.gov
 - Map of Current Fires: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php
 - o Situation Report: http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf
- National Fire Situation: http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf
- Creating Defensible Space: http://firewise.org/ and http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, http://511.alaska.gov
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/

- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: http://www.nws.noaa.gov/
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: http://www.fws.gov/fire/
- USDA Forest Service: http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc
- Federal Aviation Administration: http://www.faa.gov

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